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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT APPLICATION

Examiner : D. Romeo

Group Art Unit : 1647

Applicants : Hermann Oppermann, et al.

Application No. : 09/375,333 Confirmation No. : 4896

Filed : August 16, 1999

For : MODIFIED TGF- β SUPERFAMILY PROTEINS

New York, New York 10020
July 14, 2003

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)
FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Examiner's Official Action dated January 13, 2003. With the extension, a response is due on or before July 14, 2003 (July 13 being a Sunday). A check in the amount of \$930.00, in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3), is enclosed herewith.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional extension fees required under

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37 C.F.R. § 1.17 in connection with the paper(s) transmitted herewith, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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